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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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The answer to the first question is the legal basis for the Land and Multimodal Transport Guidelines and for the Transport Block Exemption Regulation. The legal basis for the Land and Multimodal Transport Guidelines and the Transport Block Exemption Regulation is Article 93 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('aid for the coordination of transport'). The concept of 'coordination of transport' implies an intervention by public authorities that is aimed at guiding the development of the transport sector in the common interest.

By contrast, aid with a primary environmental objective, such as decarbonisation, is assessed under Article 107 (3) (c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. It therefore does not fall within the scope of the Land and Multimodal Transport Guidelines and of the Transport Block Exemption Regulation but is assessed under the Commission's 'Guidelines on State aid for climate, environmental protection and energy 2022', if such aid is not block-exempted under Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.

On the second question, the Commission's review of the General Block Exemption Regulation is ongoing. The outcome of the revision cannot be prejudged at this stage.